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SUBJ: BANZER PREPARES ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW MEASURES

1. PRESIDENT BANZER RETURNED TO LA PAZ JANUARY 9 FOLLOWING FOUR DAYS OF VISITS TO THE MAJOR MILITARY GARRISONS IN THE COUNTRY. SUBSEQUENTLY, BANZER IS REPORTED TO HAVE MET WITH HIS PRINCIPAL ADVISORS, CABINET OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES HIGH COMMAND FOR FIVE AND ONE-HALF HOURS. THE PRESIDENT IS SCHEDULED TO HAVE A FURTHER MEETING WITH HSI FULL CABINET TODAY (JANUARY 10) AT 1500 HOURS.

2. THIS FLURRY OF ACTIVITY BY BANZER, AND THE FACT THAT HE WAS ACCOMPANIED ON HIS TRIP BY THE THREE-MEMBER HIGH COMMAND, INDICATES TO MANY LOCAL OBSERVERS THAT THE PRESIDENT IS SEEKING UNIFIED MILITARY BACKING FOR A MAJOR PACKAGE OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC REFORM MEASURES. ALTHOUGH NO FIRM DATE HAS BEEN MADE PUBLIC FOR A PRESIDENTIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF THESE MEASURES (WHICH WOULD PRESUMABLY INCLUDE WAGE AND PRICE INCREASES) BANZER PROBABLY INTENDS TO ANNOUNCE HIS FINAL DECISIONS ON THE EVENING OF JANUARY 10 OR OVER THE WEEKEND OF JANUARY 11-12.

3. MISSION WILL REPORT DETAILS OF THE NEW MEASURES AS
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